
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
ACTION MINUTES

October 2, 2003

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

Members Present

Ashley, Marion
Clark, Margaret
Cook, Debbie
Eckenrode, Norman
Krause, Mary Ann
Kuiper, Hank (Vice Chair)
Miller, Michael
Nelson, Larry
Rutherford, Mark
Washburn, Dennis
Young, Toni (Chair)

Representing

Riverside County
Rosemead
Huntington Beach
Placentia
Santa Paula
Imperial County
West Covina
Artesia
Westlake Village
Calabasas
Port Hueneme

Members Absent

Feinstein, Michael
Forester, Larry
Lutz, Mary Ann
Marchand, Paul
Roth, Neil
Streator, Joyce
Van Arsdale, Lori

Representing

Santa Monica
Signal Hill
Monrovia
Cathedral City
Lawndale
Pasadena
Hemet

New Members

Representing

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Energy and Environment Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order at 10:35am by Chair, Mayor Pro Tem Toni Young, City of Port Hueneme. There was a quorum.

2.0 MEMBERS PRESENT and MEMBERS ABSENT

Attachment

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS and PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dennis Washburn thanked the Committee for their support in securing the Ahmanson Ranch property for use as a park.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

- 4.1.1 Action Minutes – September 4, 2003
Not Available

4.2 Receive and File

- 4.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix
- 4.2.2 Semi-monthly Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Report: Area-wide Clearinghouse Listings Environmental Document Listing and Amendments to Regional Transportation Improvement Program

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1 Scope for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2004 RTP
Jennifer Merrick, SCAG Staff, briefed the Committee on scope of the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) Destination 2030 (also know as the 2004 RTP).

Regional scale affects are reviewed and significant impacts are identified for proposed mitigation measures or to determine alternative solutions that will minimize or avoid those impacts.

Each alternative is a series of transportation investments, programs and policies that support those investments, urban form strategies, and the resulting effects on growth in the region.

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Proposed RTP Alternatives:

No Project
2001 RTP Modified
PILUT 1 (Infill Alternative)
PILUT 2 (5TH Ring)
Growth Vision Hybrid

The Committee also received an overview of each of the alternatives with the Growth Vision Hybrid Alternative outlined as the proposed plan.

Motion to endorse the scope of the Draft 2004 RTP PEIR by Washburn, Seconded by Ashley, then UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Committee.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Regional Air Quality Issues

Dr. Anupom Ganguli, SCAQMD, provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation on the historical causes and effects of air pollution, why and how the SCAQMD was formed, and their mission to improve air quality. A summarized account of current air quality issues as well as programs and guidelines developed by the SCAQMD were also provided.

6.2 SB 1555 (Boxer) California Wild Heritage Act

Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Staff, informed the Committee that Sen. Boxer's state deputy director, Tom Bohigian, offered to provide a presentation on SB 1555.

The Committee asked that a pro and con discussion on the bill be arranged for the December meeting.

6.3 Update on Transportation Conformity

Charles Keynejad, SCAG Staff, reported that SCAG, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, and the Air Resources Board developed a course of action to establish emission budgets for the Ventura county south central coast air basins.

Mr. Keynejad also informed the Committee that any new projects added to the Transportation Implementation Program (TIP) would need evaluation for financial constraint of the 2002 TIP. Sufficient funding for the Transportation Control Measures (TCM) projects is a paramount concern. SCAG is working with other local and federal agencies to resolve this issue.

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7.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT

Dennis Washburn reported on September 18th meeting topics:

- Settlement reached regarding Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) by LA City and LA County and a scope of continuing litigation by other cities.
- Draft guidance document published by the state water board on TMDL planning and eliminating water impairments
- Briefing on the QSA process
- Speakers from the Imperial Irrigation District, Metropolitan Water District, Coachella Valley Water District, and San Diego County Water Authority on the issue of Colorado River Water – settlement deadline of October 12, 2003.

8.0 CHAIRS' REPORT

None

9.0 STAFF REPORT

Sylvia Patsaouras, reported that Strategic Task will review the proposed Environmental Justice Advisory Group as part of a Citizen Advisory Group and will submit recommendations.

Jennifer Merrick, reported that the Growth Visioning Sub-committee moved to recommend to the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee the Growth Vision Alternative as the preferred plan for the 2004 RTP, and concurred by the RTP TAC. If the decision is upheld the EIR staff will present preliminary analysis in November.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Dennis Washburn, requested a presentation on wetland projects – Hank Kuiper will make arrangements.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

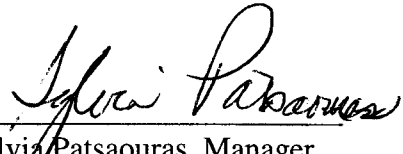
Dennis Washburn announced a Pumpkin Festival at Paramount Ranch, October 18 & 19

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next meeting will be held on November 6, 2003 in the SCAG offices.

Approved By:


Sylvia Patsaouras, Manager
Environmental Planning

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